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Dr. Baxter wrote Pulitzer Prize winner about the OSS

Williamstown, Mass. (AP) — Dr. James Phinney Baxter I, a former president of Williams College whose account of the Allied scientific effort in World War II won the Pulitzer Prize in history, is dead at 82.

Dr. Baxter, president of Williams for 24 years until his retirement in 1961, died at a nursing home Tuesday night after a long illness.

A native of Portland, Maine, Dr. Baxter graduated from Williams in 1914 and took his doc-

torate in history at Harvard in 1926. He taught at Harvard from 1925 until taking the Williams presidency in 1937.

He also was the first master of Harvard's Adams House, serving there for six years until 1937.

His book, "Scientists Against Time," won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947.

Drawing on his wartime services in the Office of Strategic Services, predecessor of the

Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Dr. Baxter chronicled the deadly

duel of wits on land, sea and in the air in such fields as radar, sonar, the proximity fuse, electronic countermeasures, medicine, gunfire control, amphibious operations, operations analysis and the atomic bomb.

His wife died in 1962. He is survived by three sons, James P. Baxter 4th, of Chicago, Ar-

thur Baxter, of Newtown, Conn., and Stephen B. Baxter, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

A funeral will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church here but no date has been set.